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- 1. MOROCCAN PRIME MINISTER AHMED OSMAN DEPARTED MADRID YESTERDAY FOLLOWING WHAT WAS REPORTEDLY A PROLONGED MID-DAY INTERVIEW WITH SPANISH PRIME MINISTER ARIAS.
- 2. AT THE AIRPORT, OSMAN, MAKING WHAT NEWSMEN CHARACTERIZED AS CONCILIATORY REMARKS, STATED THAT HE HAD BROUGHT FROM KING HASSAN A MESSAGE FOR PRINCE JUAN CARLOS OF FRIENDSHIP AND FRATERNITY BETWEEN THE MOROCCAN AND SPANISH PEOPLES, THAT HE HAD HAD MANY MEETINGS WITH THE PRINCE, WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND WITH OTHER MINISTERS AND THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD CONTINUE IN THE HOPES OF ARRIVING AT A POSITIVE RESULT.
- 3. RE THE MARCH ITSELF, HE STATED THAT IT WAS EXTREMELY WELL-ORGANIZED AND WOULD CONTINUE AND THAT HE WISHED TO STRESS TO THE SPANISH PEOPLE THAT IT WAS A PEACEFUL MARCH, AIMED NEITHER AT SPAIN NOR AT THE SPANISH ARMY SINCE MOROCCO HAD TOO MUCH RESPECT UNCLASSIFIED

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FOT THE SPANISH PEOPLE TO ATTEMPT ANYTHING AGAINST THE "DIGNITY

OF THE SPANISH ARMY OR THE LIVES OF THE SPANISH PEOPLE IN THE SAHARA." WHEN ASKED DIRECTLY IF THE MARCH WOULD CONTINUE TO EL AUIUN, CAPITAL OF THE SPANISH SAHARA, HE SIDE-STEPPED, SAYING: "FOR ME, THE ESSENTIAL THING NOW IS TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE WILL ARISE ON OUR PART NO PROBLEM FOR THE SECURITY OF THE PEOPLES IN THE SAHARA."

4. IN CLOSING, OSMAN STATED THAT MOROCCO UNDERSTOOD VERY WELL THE REASONS FOR PRINCE JUAN CARLOS' TRIP TO THE SAHARA, CONSIDERING IT LOGICAL, AND WISHED THAT HE WOULD TAKE INTO HIS OWN HANDS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROBLEM. STABLER

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